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SUBJECT: NAC SESSION MARCH 12, 1975: DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED SYG
COMMENTS ON NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY (NAA) RECOMMENDATIONS AND
RESOLUTIONS

REF: A) USNATO 1216; B) STATE 053573

1. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OPENED DISCUSSION STATING THAT WHILE HIS
COMMENTS ON NAA RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS WOULD AS
USUAL BE SENT ON HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY, HE WOULD INFORM NAA
THESE COMMENTS REFLECT DISCUSSION OF THE NAA TEXTS BY THE COUNCIL.
SINCE SEVERAL DELEGATIONS COMPLAINED OF INSUFFICIENT TIME TO
CONSIDER NAA TEXTS AND PROPOSED SYG COMMENTS ON THEM, LUNS
SAID NAC DISCUSSION WOULD BEGIN TODAY AND CONTINUE ON MARCH 19.

2. AMBASSADOR DE ROSE (FRANCE) SAID THAT TIN READING TEXTS, HE
HAD BEEN STRUCK FOR FIRST TIME BY FACT THAT WHILE RECOMMENDATIONS
ARE ADDRESSED TO NAC, DPC OR SYG, RESOLUTIONS ARE ADDRESSED
TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OR FONMINS OF THESE GOVERNMENTS. HE
THEREFORE THOUGHT THAT WHILE IT WAS APPROPRIATE FOR THE NAC
TO CONSIDER SYG'S RESPONSES TO NAA RECOMMENDATIONS, NAC
SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO CONSIDER ANY COMMENTS BY THE SYG ON
NAA RESOLUTIONS.

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3. SYG RESPONDED THAT HIS DEPUTY, PANSA, HAD POINTED OUT THAT
PARA 13 OF THE OTTAWA DECLARATION UNDERLINED NEED TO ECNOURAGE
RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENTARIANS. PANSA FEARED THAT IF SYG WERE
NOW TO SAY HE WOULD ADDRESS ONLY NAA RECOMMENDATIONS AND

NOT RESOLUTIONS, IT WOULD BE VIEWED AS A STEP BACKWARD.

4. SYG SUGGESTED THAT TIN COVERING LETTER FOR HIS RESPONSES TO NAA RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS, HE WOULD POINT OUT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO.

5. AMBASSADOR BRUCE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPLYING TO REPRESENTATIONS OF NAA IS CLEARLY WITHIN PERSONAL COMPETENCE OF SYG. ANY REFLECTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ARE MERELY SUGGESTIONS THAT SYG MIGHT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION. BRUCE SAID HE BELIEVED ALL THE PROPOSED RESPONSES OF THE SYG WERE BASICALLY SOUND. HE HAD A FEW MINOR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS WHICH SYG MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER, BUT RATHER THAN DISCUSS THEM IN THE MEETING, HE WOULD SUBMIT THEM IN WRITING TO THE SYG AND PERMREPS. SYG WELCOMED BRUCE'S REMARKS.

6. MANY DELEGATIONS LACKED INSTRUCTIONS ON THE VARIOUS NAA RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS, SO DISCUSSION WILL CONTINUE NEXT WEEK. MISSION WILL SUMMARIZE SUGGESTED CHANGES IN TEXTS FOLLOWING MARCH 19 NAC.
BRUCE

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